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PRATHER BEGINS SECOND YEAR AS PRESIDENT



President H. Lee Prather begins his second or "sophomore" year as president of Northwestern State College after a most successful year as administrative head.

In addressing the faculty at the beginning of the session he stated in part: "I can assure you that as I begin my sophomore year there is none of the feeling of wisdom and cockiness in me that is usually attributed to a sophomore. On the contrary, I approach my duties with the greatest humility and humbleness and sincerely and frankly beg for an even higher degree of cooperation, help, and understanding than that which you so generously gave last year. I want your advice and constructive criticisms at all times. . . ."

With his attitude of sympathetic understanding and service rather than that of domination and autocratic leadership, President Prather has developed a splendid spirit among faculty, staff, students, and alumni in making NSC the friendliest college in this section of the country.

Watson Receives Ph.D. From Texas U.

Eugene P. Watson, who has been in charge of the library on the campus for many years, received his Ph.D. Degree from the University of Texas at the close

of the spring semester, June 2. Dr. Watson wrote his dissertation on "The Functional Use of Digressions in Eighteenth Century Epic Poetry."

Receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Northwestern State College, Dr. Watson received the

Master's Degree in English and his B.S. in Library Science at Louisiana State University.

A recent article by Dr. Watson is "Special Functions of the Teachers' College Libraries" which came out in the April issue of COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES.

LIBRARY

NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE
NATCHITOCHESS, LOUISIANA

Homecoming Day Is October 27

The annual Homecoming Day will be held on the campus on Saturday, October 27, when a full day of activity is planned for all returning graduates and former students.

Special features of the day's activities include the Alumni luncheon and business session, the big pep parade, the football game, and the alumni ball. Details of the program will be published in the October issue of ALUMNI COLUMNS.

All those who expect to be present for the luncheon and business session should send in a request immediately to the Alumni Office stating the number of reservations desired. Your tickets will be mailed to you.

Southeastern Lions vs. Demons

The homecoming game will be played Saturday afternoon at 2:30 instead of at night as stated in the May issue. It was deemed advisable by the Board of Directors to make this change to avoid certain other conflicts.

The Demons and the Lions will be meeting for their fourteenth time and a swell dish is in store for football epicureans. In previous meetings the Lions have won five of the contests and the Demons have won eight. In only two of the games played between these two teams has the difference in scores been greater than two touchdowns. With the exception of the years 1942-44 inclusive, these teams have played each other every season since 1933. Other contests were held in 1932, '35, and '36.

Make your plans now to be back home for HOMECOMING. Come early and spend the entire day and don't forget—SEND IN YOUR REQUEST FOR LUNCHEON TICKETS TODAY.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Dufour, Box 6835, L. S. U., Baton Rouge, have announced the arrival of a daughter, Carol Marie, on May 13. Mr. Dufour received his B.S. Degree in 1949 and Mrs. Dufour (Tessie Schexnaide), B.S. '41, was a member of the Health and Physical Education faculty at the College for several years.

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Dr. John Duffy Writes New Book

Dr. John Duffy, member of the Social Science faculty, has just completed a book, *History of Epidemics in the American Colonies*, which will be released within the next 18 months by Louisiana State University Press. This will be one of the first books written on epidemics in the colonies since 1799, when Noah Webster wrote on the same subject.

Other articles written by Dr. Duffy on colonial epidemics include "The Passage to the Colonies" which appeared in the June issue of *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. Two articles recently written will appear soon. One, "Yellow Fever in Colonial Charleston" will appear in *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, and the other, "Smallpox and the American Indian" will appear in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, put out at Johns Hopkins.

Born in England, Dr. Duffy came to Canada at the age of 12. Two years later his family moved to Detroit. He received his B.A. Degree from Northwestern State, his M.A. Degree from L. S. U., and his Ph.D. from University of California at Los Angeles.

Receives Fellowship Award

Dr. Duffy has just recently been awarded a faculty fellowship from the Fund for the Advancement of Education in New York. During his leave of absence for this school year he will do independent study and research at Harvard. Of particular interest to him will be a thorough study of the content and methods of beginning college courses in social science throughout the United States.

Degrees Conferred On 126 This Summer

Representing one of the larger summer classes for several years, 126 seniors received their degrees from President H. Lee Prather on August 10. Of this number, 69 received Bachelor of Arts Degrees and 57 received Bachelor of Science Degrees. This class brings the total number of degrees conferred this year to 361.

Of particular interest in the summer class was the larger number of teachers that had returned to complete the requirements for the degree. Many of these were graduates of the old 2-year or 3-year courses who have been earning college credit during summer sessions until they completed the work toward a degree.

COLLEGE SINGERS IN CHICAGO



College Singers Attend Elks National Convention

The College Singers, 63 in number, under the direction of Donald Glattly, attended the Elks national convention in Chicago during the first week in July as guests of the Elks organization, both state and national.

The group sang at the national music festival in Soldier's Field, at memorial services in the grand ballroom of the Stevens Hotel, appeared at Don McNeil's Breakfast Club show, and at several banquets. They were also guests at several clubs and restaurants where famous bands are engaged, and went with President Prather to see the Chicago White Sox in action.

The singers literally sang their way into the hearts of all who heard them. As one member of the troupe stated: "We were warmly received wherever we went. It seemed as if the people just couldn't do enough for us to make us feel at home. It was wonderful."

It was no surprise to most of us they were so popular in Chicago. Other choral organizations present were amazed at such exuberance, such esprit de corps exhibited by the Northwestern singers.

The secret of the splendid reception the College Singers get is embodied in the fact they do not just sing. "They become a part of their singing; they sing with their actions as well as their voices. They enjoy their singing—so do their listeners. Their enthusiasm is refreshing in a day when one sees so little enthusiasm. They sing for the love of singing."

The College Singers deserve all the praise that can be given them. No amount of printed or spoken publicity could bring about the fine impression given to Chicagoans and members of the Elks on a nation-wide basis as did this

group. They not only advertised Louisiana in general but the fine quality of work done at Northwestern State College in particular. They and their splendid leadership have done and are doing a fine job.

ALUMNI Here 'n There

Ruth Thomas Earns Ph.D. Degree

Having received her Ph.D. Degree in Biology at Vanderbilt University, Miss Ruth Thomas, B.S. '40, of Ringgold, will be assistant professor at James Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois. She was awarded the Doctorate in August at the Summer Convocation. Shortly before graduation, she was elected to membership in Sigma Xi honorary fraternity.

Miss Thomas did much of her teaching in the public schools of Louisiana. In her undergraduate work at the College she was primarily interested in the fields of Chemistry and Biology.

Many Former Grads Receive Master's Degrees at L. S. U.

Among the graduates listed at Louisiana State University this summer were a number of graduates and former students of the College. Included in the list are: MASTER OF ARTS: Myra Belle Addison, Geraldine Lyons Austin, and Charles A. Ross; MASTER OF EDUCATION: James Tillman Austin, William Dayton Baucum, William Curtis Bradshaw, Otho Elmer Harrison, Merrill A. Knighten, William Edwin McDermott, Lois Ruth Milwee, Floyd Hanna Stephens, Iona Ella Sutton, Ralph Paul Tassin, Austin L. Temple, and Jewell Watson.

MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION: Virginia Downs Gibbens.

MASTER OF SCIENCE: John Conan Elkins, Thomas Thurman Elkins, James Ralph Hudson, Zolon Stiles, and Leon Stracener.

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Dorothy Smith Haberyan Awarded Honorary Degree

Mrs. Dorothy Smith Haberyan, graduate of 1924, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Southwestern College of Memphis at their spring commencement this year. The honorary degree was awarded in recognition of her distinguished services to the Presbyterian Church, particularly in the fields of missions and women's work.

Dr. Haberyan has served as president of the Louisiana Synodical, is a member of the Board of World Missions, former member of General Assembly's Board of Women's Work, former president of Louisiana Council of Church Women, member of Executive Committee and Policy Committee of the General Department of United Church Women, member of Joint Commission of Missionary Education, and member of Central Department of Field Administration of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States.

Dr. Haberyan has been making her home at 625 Linden Street, Shreveport. She is formerly from Jonesville.

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Mrs. Thomas H. Wade was a visitor to the campus early this summer. She is the former Alma Fluitt, B.S. '40, of Haynesville. Mr. and Mrs. Wade are now living in St. Joseph, Louisiana.

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Another summer visitor on the campus was Mrs. James Grota of 225 Cody, Houston, Texas. Mrs. Grota is the former Elaine Moreland of New Era.

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Claude L. "Jodie" Stoutamire, B.S. '50, leading scorer and all GSC Conference selection for two successive years, has been appointed head cage coach for the Leon High School, Tallahassee, Florida. Stoutamire was a former student and player on the Leon High School basketball team, and was selected as an all-state player in Florida in 1940.

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Miss Peggy Casemore, B.A. '49, of New Orleans, has recently accepted employment as a recreation aide in the American Red Cross service in military hospitals, according to the Atlanta, Ga., Red Cross public information office. She has been assigned to Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama.

Miss Casemore formerly taught

at the Central School in Lake Charles.

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A letter from Mrs. Kenneth Nelson asks that ALUMNI COLUMNS be sent to her new address at 154 Rommel Avenue, Savannah, Georgia. She is the former Katie B. Boucher of Springhill. She was married to James A. Angel after graduation in 1941. Mr. Angel, a flyer, was killed in a crash in 1945.

She married Mr. Kenneth Nelson in 1948 and is now residing in Savannah with her husband and two children, Beverly Angel, 5½ years of age, and a son, Nicky Nelson, 9 months of age.

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Miss Catherine Margie Rachal, B.S. '49, who is now teaching in Japan, writes an interesting letter concerning her work. She is stationed at Nagoya Air Force Base, which, in her judgment, is THE air base in Japan.

Making adjustments to new situations is a daily occurrence with Miss Rachal since she has both white and colored in her classes, ranging in rank from Pfc's to Captains.

"Accommodations are wonderful," she stated, "and phone service is free over here—even long distance."

Miss Rachal taught at Commerce and Elm Grove for two years prior to accepting her present position in Japan. Her address is: Catherine Margie Rachal, Civilian Mail Room, Box 37—APO 328, % P. M., San Francisco, California.

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Robert Gryder, B.S. '49, who is now stationed in the Office of the Chief of Staff, in the Pentagon, expects to be released from the Army soon. His present address is: Sgt. Robert Gryder, ER 38652990, Office of the Chief of Staff, Department of the Army, Room 3E 648, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

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Billie H. Brister, B.S. '49, has recently graduated from Officers Candidate School, Parris Island, South Carolina, and writes for his ALUMNI COLUMNS to be sent to his new address. His mail now reaches him at the following address: 2nd Lt. Bill H. Brister, 053210 USMC, Co. C, 1st Plt., 1st Bn., S.T.R., 8th S.B.C., M.C.S., Quantico, Virginia

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Phillip White, B.S. '49, of Alexandria, has accepted the position as head coach of the LaSalle High School at Olla. White has been serving as assistant coach at Oak-

DEMON FOOTBALL SQUAD FOR 1951



dale High School for the past two years.

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Al Nicosia, B.S. '50, has just recently been discharged by the U. S. Navy. He has accepted a position as assistant coach at Oakdale High School. Prior to re-entering the U. S. Navy, Nicosia was recreational director for playgrounds at Winnfield.

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Dean Varnado Visits Campus

Miss Dean Varnado of Amite, former dean of women and the person for whom Varnado Hall was named, visited the campus late this spring. While here she had the opportunity of seeing many friends and former students.

Miss Varnado attended the old Louisiana State Normal School in 1895-96 and in 1897-99. She returned to Normal in 1905 as a teacher of English, having done additional work at Columbia and Chicago Universities in the interim. Later she changed to the field of history.

In 1914 Miss Varnado became Dean of Women and served in that capacity until 1922. She was pressed into service as Dean of Women again in 1932 and continued in that position until her retirement in 1942.

During her 37 years on the campus she occupied the position of teacher, adviser, friend, and counselor to more students than any other individual throughout the history of this institution.

The 1951 Demon football squad is composed of nine lettermen, eleven squadmen and redshirts, and twenty-nine newcomers to the Demon camp.

During the two weeks since the squad assembled, Coaches Turpin, Brown, and Ledet have been putting them through intensive conditioning training and drill on the fundamentals in preparation for the opening game on September 22.

Central Oklahoma "Bronchos" will furnish the opposition for the season's opening game. The Bronchos are not strangers to the local gridiron as they have played the Demons here for the last three years. They always bring a strong club to Natchitoches and should test the potentialities of the Demons again this year. In previous seasons the Demons have defeated the Bronchos by scores of 26-12, 7-6, and 41-18.

Following the Central Oklahoma game the schedule calls for eight more games on successive weekends. These are with Lamar Tech at Natchitoches on September 29; McNeese State College at Lake Charles on October 6; Louisiana College at Alexandria on October 13; Louisiana Tech at Shreveport on October 20; Southeastern at Natchitoches on October 27 (HOMECOMING GAME); Mississippi Southern at Hattiesburg on November 3; Alabama State Teachers at Natchitoches on November 10; and Southwestern at

Lafayette on November 17.

Northwestern Picked for Cellar

Football prognosticators and dopesters have relegated the Demon football club to the cellar in Gulf States Conference competition. Whether the hustling youngsters on the squad will be content to occupy that position remains to be seen. The Demons will lack experience and will be, for the most part, a green team; however, early practice sessions and scrimmages indicated the boys have plenty of determination, love good rough contact, and will let their opponents know they have been in a ball game, win or lose.

Demon Swimmers Win Southern AAU Championship

Northwestern State College Swimmers won the Southern AAU championship in New Orleans at the Swimming and Diving Meet held there on July 31-August 1. Amassing a total of 71 points out of the eight events, the Demons nosed out New Orleans Athletic Club, who scored 67 points, closely followed by the Audubon Swim Club with 61 points for third place.

First place winners for Northwestern were Jack Branch in the back stroke; Jeff Hennessy, diving; Myron Locky, breast stroke; and relay team composed of Branch, Duhon, Voorhees, and Locky.

BIRTHS—

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Mr. and Mrs. Ward Pasini of Norman, Oklahoma, have announced the arrival of a daughter, Jeannine, on May 14. Mr. Pasini, ex-'50, has been attending school at Oklahoma. Mrs. Pasini is the former Lucille Hanks, A.B. '49, of Benton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thomas, 213½ South Clay St., Liberal, Kansas, have a lovely young daughter born May 5. She answers to the name of Martha Catherine. Mrs. Thomas is the former Grace King, A.B. '44.

College Tourists Return to Campus

Tired but happy, thirty-six students and teachers returned to the campus on the evening of September 3 after having completed a 21-day, 5,000-mile tour through the eastern and northern sections of the United States.

Judging by the comments of those making the trip, it was not only interesting and exciting but educational and recreational as well. Everyone seemed enthusiastic about the wonderful sights and the marvelous opportunity to visit personally the sites and locations that mark the cradle of American liberty and much of its subsequent history.

Leaving the campus on August 14, the tourists traveled through the highland region of Birmingham, Chattanooga, Asheville, and Danville, reaching the Atlantic seaboard at Richmond. They followed the coastal area through Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, making numerous side trips to points of particular interest. Leaving Boston via Concord, they went through the great industrial and agricultural midwestern section by way of Buffalo, Niagara Falls, through the Canadian side to Detroit, and on to Chicago. From there the tour headed south to Natchitoches with stops en route to Springfield (Illinois), Cape Girardeau, and Memphis.

Such educational-recreational tours have been conducted a number of times through the State of Louisiana by the Department of Social Science, but this is the first tour offered that has covered so much territory. If the enthusiasm and appreciation of those making the trip is any guide for the future, it most certainly will not be the last. The tour was under the direction of Professor Leroy Eversull.

READY FOR THE WATERMELON FEAST



Pictured above is a portion of the 1,225 summer school students enjoying the program that was a prelude to the annual "Watermelon Cutting" that is one of the most enjoyable features of the summer session.

During the song fest directed by Master of Ceremonies, Sherrod Towns, the students were treated to an unrehearsed rendition of "Sweet Adeline" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" by a quartet composed of Drs. Robson, Duffy, Allbritten, and President Prather. These were special numbers to sharpen the appetites of the students for the two truck loads of watermelons that were served.

Cupid's Doings

MISS GENE BAILEY, A.B. '48, of Longville, and Leroy Little of Oak Grove, were married at East Dallas First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, on May 24. The young couple expect to enter a school of languages in Brussels, Belgium, this month where they will continue their training as missionaries for one year prior to leaving for Belgian Congo, where they will be stationed for five years.

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MISS WILMA CRAIG, A.B. '50, was married to Robert D. Caldwell at First Baptist Church of Vivian on June 9. The bride and groom are both residents of Vivian but will make their home in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

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MISS EARLINE FRANKS, ex-student of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and David G. Smith of East Lansing, Mich., were united in marriage on June 2 in the chapel of the Army-Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs. The young couple will live in Hot Springs.

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MISS ERIN MAYS, A.B. '51, of Shreveport, and FRANK C. ORTON, B.S. '50, of DeRidder, were married in Chew Memorial Chapel.

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First Baptist Church, Shreveport, on June 15. They will make their home at 236 Lister St., Shreveport.

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MISS DORIS JEAN HUCKABY, B.S. '49, of Harmon, and Dr. Benjamin McGraw Rush, of New Orleans, were married at First Methodist Church of Coshatta on June 9. They will reside in Shreveport.

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MISS MAXINE SQUIRES, B.S. '47, of Vivian, and Floyd Edward Wicker, Jr., of Waskom, Texas, were married at First Baptist Church of Vivian on June 2. The young couple will live at Waskom.

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MISS MARY ANN GAUNT, B.S. '50, of Texarkana, Texas, and John Ford Taggart, of New York City, were married on June 2. They will make their home in Grand Prairie, Texas.

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MISS MARIANNE RAINS, A.B. '50, of Shreveport, and ARCHIE SINGLETARY, A.B. '50, of Winnfield, were married at the home of the bride's parents, 509 Dilg League Drive, on June 9. The bride was a teacher in Lake Charles and the groom taught at Sarepta last session.

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Miss Elsa Jane Teague of Bossier City and FRANK M. LAMPKIN, B.S. '49, of Alexandria, were married at First Methodist Church, Bossier City. Mr. Lampkin is a member of the faculty and coaching staff of Bossier City High School.

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MISS BETTY SUE ALLISON, B.S. '47, of Ida, and Robert L. McNeese, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi,

were married at Ida Baptist Church on June 10. The young couple will live in Natchez, Miss.

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Miss BETH MCGUFFEE, senior of Harrisonburg, and ROBERT OWEN JOHNSON, B.S. '50, of Shreveport, were married on June 24 at the Harrisonburg Baptist Church.

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Miss CAROLYN GLOVER, B.S. '48, of Winnsboro, and James Gordon Bowen, of Columbus, Miss., were married at the First Methodist Church in Winnsboro on June 20.

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Miss MAXINE SIBLEY, B.S. '50, of Houston, Texas, and Charles Wendell Jaudon, of Savannah, Ga., were married recently. They will reside in Houston.

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Miss Joy Temple of Alexandria and GABRIEL JOSEPH BARKATE, B.S. '50, of Sulphur, were married recently at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church of Sulphur.

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Miss Donna Lucille Johnston of Jonesboro, and ARTHUR LELAND BREWER, B.S. '47, of Bossier City, were married on June 23 at the First Methodist Church of Jonesboro. The young couple will live in Bossier City.

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Miss LINA WARREN, B.S. '43, of Lismore, and Latimer Alexander Brock, of Mt. Herman, were married on June 17 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Lismore. They will be at home at Amite.

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Miss MILDRED CAVETT PURCELL, A.B. '40, of Plain Dealing, and Ralph Adams of Lockport, Illinois, were married at the First Methodist Church of Plain Dealing on July 20. They will reside in Lockport.

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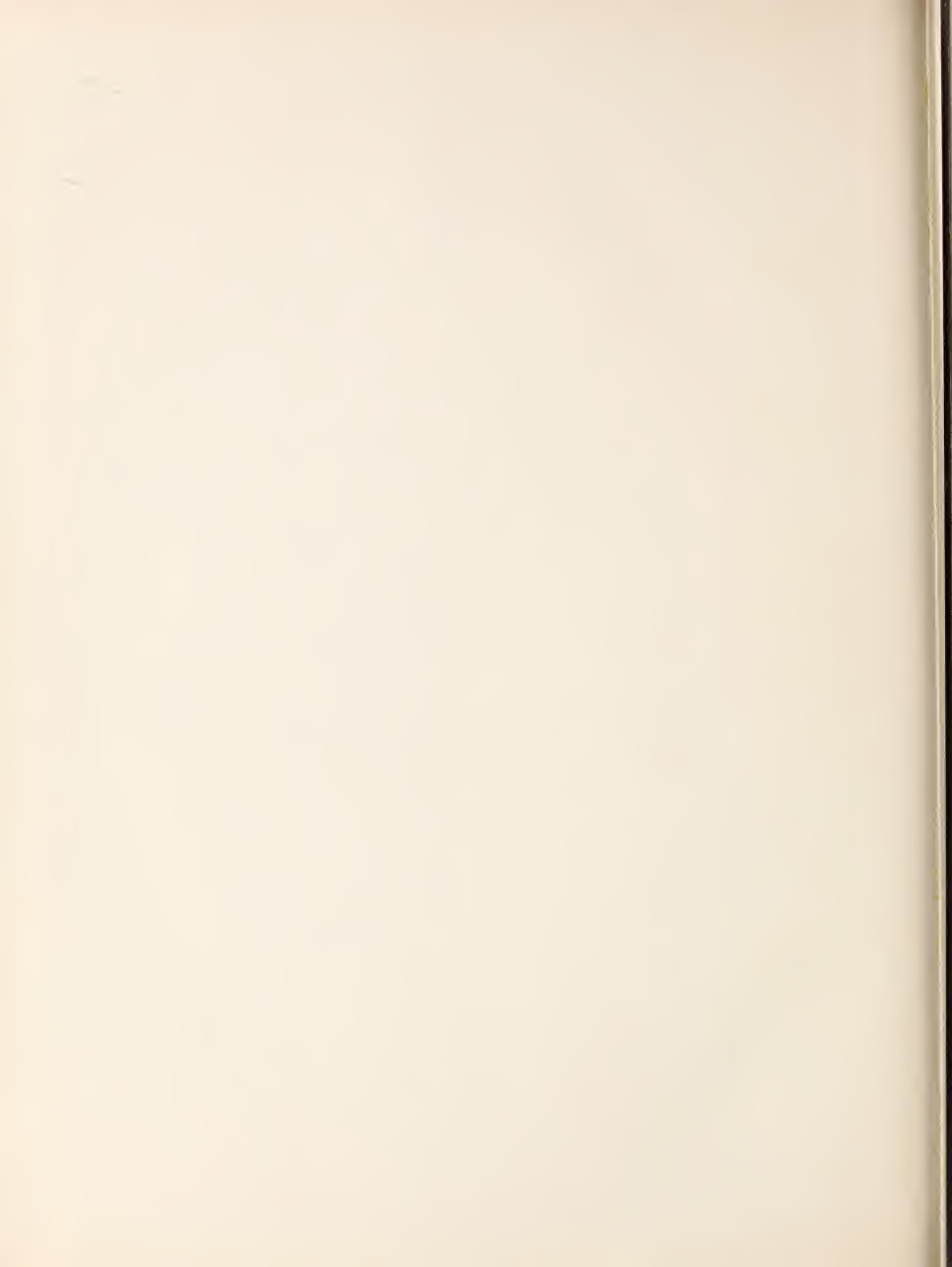
Miss MARIE SMITH, B.S. '49, of Mansfield, and Sgt. James H. Webb, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., were married at the Southside Baptist Church of Mansfield recently. The young couple are making their home at 1719 Magnolia Street, Shreveport.

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Miss DOROTHY TULLOS, B.S. '50, of Chatham, and E. W. ROBERTSON, B.S. '50, of Pollock, were married June 9, at the Methodist Church of Chatham. The young couple will live in Lake Charles.

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Miss PEARLIE HERREN, A.B. '43, of McDade, and FRANK MCCULLER, B.S. '48, of Bossier City, were married in the Sexton Memorial Chapel of First Methodist Church of Shreveport on July 21. They will make their home in Bossier City.



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